

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Vu on July 14, 2004 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's summary of the interview appears to be an accurate and complete statement of what transpired at the interview.

The amendment to the specification replaces the word "velcro" with "hook and loop" to describe the generic fastener rather than the tradename.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite at least one first support affixed to the base member and to one of the arm rests between a middle and a front end of the arm rest and closer to the front end than to the middle of the arm rest and at least one second support affixed to the base member and one of the arm rests between the middle and a rear end of the arm rest and closer to the rear end than to the middle of the arm rest. In Pecorella (U.S. Patent No. 5,346,279) the supports 78 are not located as recited in applicant's claim 1.

New claim 18 recites four supports and avoids Pecorella who does not teach or suggest the supports being affixed as recited in claim 18.

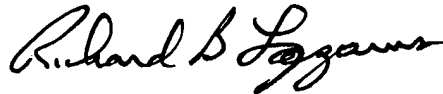
At the interview it was agreed that, with the above amendments, claims 1 and 18 avoid the prior art of record subject to an additional prior art search. Claims 8-10, 13 and 16 are withdrawn as directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 8-9, 13 and 16 are canceled without prejudice and reserving applicant's right to pursue these claims in a later application. Claim 1 is generic to claim 10 and it is requested that claim 10 is properly allowable with claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4, 10-12, 14-15 and 17-22 is, respectfully, requested.

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any matters that require further action.

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It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (31462-38242).

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Lazarus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Lazarus" clearly distinguishable.

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